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RE: S.B. 1024

I object to state of Connecticut bill to take over local zoning and planning laws.

Towns should retain their autonomy in being able to make decisions that directly affect the people who live in those towns. There are reasons that people choose the house they want to live in, in the place/town where they want to live. Changes should only be made by the town zoning and planning commissions who all take input from their citizens.

Tolland is already considering changes - on their own - that address some of the issues this bill and similar bills are suggesting.

A town being TOLD what they can and cannot do is unconstitutional under current state guidelines. People do not want, nor will they stand for being told where they can live by benevolent citizens in the state legislature. An example would be to grow up, finish school, get a job and have a family that is autonomous of childhood parents. Then, those parents decide that their child, and the adult child's family must move somewhere that is not the adult child's choice. CHOICE is the essence of life in the United States. CHOICE is the fabric of growth and prosperity. Towns can govern themselves, Without this additional bill.

Additionally, the bill to assess an additional property tax on homes above \$300,000, is also ABSURD. Taxes should be paid to enhance the lives of those paying the taxes.

For these bills, legislators need to know that there is an exodus from Connecticut in the works. Some people are able to accomplish their move immediately; some are planning to leave the state as soon as they can financially; and some are exiting emotionally right now. People want to live in places that they do NOT HATE.

Respectfully submitted,

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